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SACRAMENTO UPDATE - GUN VIOLENCE LEGISLATION

Executive Summary

This memorandum is to provide the Board an update on the status of legislation and County advocacy efforts in Sacramento relating to gun violence as well as the status of bills of significant interest to the County related to guns and gun violence.

Overview

As previously reported, Senate President Pro Tem Steinberg has advocated for a package of eight Senate bills, collectively named the Life Act, which addresses gun violence issues including ammunition purchases, limitations on high capacity magazines and expansion of the definition of assault weapons. One bill, **County-supported SB 140**, was signed by the Governor on May 1, 2013. The remaining seven bills, including **County-supported SB 53**, were taken up on the Senate Floor on May 29, 2013 and passed. These measures now proceed to the Assembly.

This office will continue to provide ongoing reports on State and Federal gun-related legislation and will keep the Board apprised of significant developments related to gun violence.

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Senate Package of Gun Violence Legislation

County-supported SB 53 (De León), which as amended on May 28, 2013, would: 1) require that the delivery of any kind of ammunition occur in a face-to-face transaction; 2) require that, commencing July 1, 2015, only a licensed ammunition vendor may sell ammunition; 3) require specified information be recorded at the time of delivery of any type of ammunition to a purchaser; 4) require, commencing July 1, 2017, that a purchaser of ammunition be authorized to purchase ammunition by the California Department of Justice (DOJ); and 5) authorize, commencing January 1, 2017, the issuance of ammunition purchase authorizations by the DOJ to applicants who are residents of the State, at least 18 years of age, not prohibited from possessing ammunition and who pay a required fee, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 22 to 14.

County-supported SB 140 (Leno and Steinberg), which as amended on April 11, 2013, would appropriate \$24.0 million to the California Department of Justice from the Dealers' Record of Sale Special Account for the limited purpose of addressing the current Armed Prohibited Persons System backlog, was signed by the Governor on May 1, 2013. SB 140 is an urgency measure and, therefore, takes effect immediately.

SB 47 (Yee), which as amended May 24 2013, would revise the definition of an assault weapon prohibited under California law to guns that do not have a fixed magazine but any one of a series of attributes, and would require that any person who lawfully possessed an assault weapon, from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2013, to register the firearm by July 1, 2015, passed the Senate Floor on a vote of 23 to 15.

SB 374 (Steinberg, Hancock and Yee), which as amended on May 28 2013, would classify a gun that does not have a fixed magazine with the capacity to accept no more than 10 rounds as an assault weapon and would require a person who, between January 1, 2001, and prior to January 1, 2014, lawfully possessed an assault weapon, as defined, to register the firearm by July 1, 2014, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 23 to 15.

SB 396 (Hancock and Steinberg), which as amended on May 15, 2013, would: 1) revise the definition of a large capacity magazine to mean capable of holding more than 10 rounds; 2) commencing July 1, 2014, make it an offense to possess a large-capacity magazine, regardless of the date the magazine was acquired; and 3) would authorize various methods by which a person in lawful possession of a large-capacity magazine may dispose of the magazine, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 24 to 14.

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SB 567 (Jackson), which as amended on May 24, 2013, would revise the definition of a shotgun to delete the requirement that it be intended to be fired from the shoulder and would clarify that the projectile may be fired through either a rifled bore or a smooth bore, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 22 to 15.

SB 683 (Block), which as amended on May 24, 2013, would, commencing January 1, 2015, prohibit a person from purchasing or receiving any firearm without a valid firearm safety certificate and would prohibit any person from selling, delivering, loaning, or transferring any firearm to a person who does not have a valid firearm safety certificate, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 28 to 11.

SB 755 (Wolk), which as amended on May 7, 2013, would: 1) add misdemeanor offenses to those that bar a person who has been convicted of owning or possessing any firearm; 2) make it a felony for any person to own or possess a firearm if the person has been convicted of two or more crimes within a 3-year period involving intoxication or possession of certain controlled substances; and 3) prohibit a person who has been ordered by a court to obtain assisted outpatient treatment from purchasing or possessing any firearm or other deadly weapon while subject to assisted outpatient treatment, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 25 to 12.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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